

# 1959 GLADIOLUS CATALOG

## FINEST QUALITY BULBS

GROWN IN THE HEART OF MICHIGAN'S

LOWER PENINSULA



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\*\*\* G R E E T I N G S \*\*\*

It gives me great pleasure to extend to all of you, my sincere thanks for the many fine orders which I have received from you in the past and to assure you that your future patronage will be greatly appreciated, and that I will do my very best to supply you with the finest quality bulbs, full of vigor and vitality, so necessary to enable you to grow prize winning spikes.

We guarantee satisfaction or money back. If you are not satisfied return the bulbs and your money will be cheerfully refunded. We guarantee all stock to be true to name and free of injurious insects and any visible disease.

Your comment, whether it be criticism or praise is welcome, for it is thru your comments that we can know whether or not we are giving satisfaction. We consider it our first duty to you, our valued patrons to completely satisfy you by supplying you with healthy vigorous stock that will enable you with normal season and proper cultivation to grow prize winning glads.

We cannot guarantee all bulblets to grow, as there is a wide variation of germination in different varieties. Germination may vary from less than 25 % to nearly 100 % depending on the variety. Nor can we guarantee the crop you will harvest, because we have no control over weather and soil conditions in your garden.

We will ship all retail orders postpaid, minimum order \$3.00 or more. Payment must accompany your order by check, money order, or bank draft. We do not advise mailing currency.

Your order will be acknowledged as soon as received and will be shipped on date specified by you weather permitting. All stock is offered subject to stock on hand and prior sales. Where bulblets are listed by the package it will contain from 50 to 100 depending on the variety selected. We give good value.

As some varieties are in limited supply, and are bound to be sold out before spring, we urge you to ORDER EARLY.

PLEASE NOTE: L. means Large, M. means Medium, S. means small and Blbts. means bulblets.

See our wholesale price list on page 10.

We show name of variety followed by name of introducer, year introduced, classification numbers and number of days from planting that bloom may be expected from large bulbs, grown under normal conditions.

## ACE OF SPADES. (Sisson 50) 454-85.

One of the darkest of the black reds. Clear, glistening, deep black with silky sheen and buds of jet black. Opens 4 - 5 large, very nicely waved and ruffled florets on a tall spike. Very popular with those who like the dark ones.

L. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; M. 3 - .25 - 10 - .60; S. 5 - .25, 10 - .40; Blbts. Pkg. .50.

## Beauty Show (Salman 56) 501-85.

A tall white with orange blotch in throat, opens 7 - 9 with 6 showing color, of good texture and placement.

L. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; M. 3 - .25, 10 - .60; ~~XXXX~~ Blbts. Pkg .50

## Brilliant (Rowse 50) 436-85.

One of the most promising introductions from New Zealand. A beautiful deep scarlet that opens 6 - 8 well placed florets on a well balanced Spike of 18 buds.

L. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; M. 3 - .25, 10 - .60; S. 5 - .25, 10 - .40; Blbts. Pkg .50

## Burma Rose (Lasch 53) 562-85

A sport of Burma. A more subdued facsimile of the Variety above, Burma Rose is identical in form, height and growing habits. Glowing undertones of soft tan create an entirely new blend of coloring in BURMA ROSE. The throat has a somewhat deeper rose mark. Should be very popular when more widely grown.

L. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; M. 3 - .25, 10 - .60; Blbts. Pkg .50

## COLUMBIA (Roberts 51) 407-86.

Very near the color of Corona except the habit is more uniform. Opens 8, firmly attached and well placed florets, on a  $\frac{1}{4}$  24 - 26 ~~maximum~~ inch flowerhead. This one is going places as a show variety and will become one of the finest commercials.

L. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; M. 3 - .25, 10 - .60; S. 5 - .25, 10 - .40; Blbts. Pkg .50.

## CUBA (Salman) 452-85

Deep red, almost black red, 6 open florets well placed and shaped

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on an 18 bud spike. It is a beauty on the shows as well as in the flower shops. A good grower and propagator.

L. 1 - .25, 10 - \$2.00; M. 2 - .30, 10 - \$1.20; S. 3 - .25, 10 - .60; Blbts. 15 - .25, 100 - \$1.00.

Dusty Miller. (A. C. Elliott 45) 486-85.

One of the very best smokies, The colors, old rose with a light red blotch. A good grower, I am sure you will like it.

L. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; M. 3 - .25, 10 - .60; S. 5 - .25, 10 - .40; Blbts. Pkg. .50.

Fancy (De Bruyn 54) 540 -

Clean creamy flesh pink, faint picardy type scratch in throat. In extremely hot weather an occasional floret may show some tiny salmon feathers or splashes near petal edge. 60 inches tall, very stretchy heads on strong wiry stems. Good propagator.

L. 1 - .25, 10 - \$2.00; M. 2 - .35, 10 - \$1.50; S. 2 - .25, 10 - 1.00; Blbts. 15 - .25, 100 - \$1.00.

Flying Dutchman (Salman 56) 479-

A magnificent deep blue novelty and one of the best of the blues. An Extremely beautiful spike of noble form and fine stature, producing a strong spike with 6 - 8 perfect florets open at once. An exhibition flower of great merit.

L. 1 - .25, 10 - \$2.00; M. 2 - .35, 10 - \$1.50; S. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; Blbts. 15 - .25, 100 - \$1.00.

Francesca (Toben 50) 566-90.

Most beautiful lavender. It is on the line between lavender and rose pink, but a marvel of beauty, whatever the color. 7 - 9 ruffled florets meticulously placed on tapering heads. A good producer of rather small bulblets that grow well.

L. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; M. 3 - .25, 10 - .60; S. 5 - .25, 10 - .40; Blbts. Pkg. .50

Friendship (Fischer 49) 442-70.

A lovely shade of pure pink that blends to a waxy cream throat. It is certainly one of the most beautiful varieties and a wonderful cut flower. L. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; M. 3 - .25, 10 - .60, S. 5 - .25 10 - .40; Blbts. Pkg. .50.



GOLD. (MARSHALL 51) 412-80.

Although Gold has only about 14 buds on a short flower head, it is a beautiful yellow. Color and ruffling are extremely fine. A must have for the florist trade.

L. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; M. 3 - .25, 10 - .60; S. 5 - .25, 10 - .40; Blbts. Pkg. .50

Harrisburger (Miklo53) 552-95.

Size champion of the reds, florets are very large and ruffled with up to 8 open at one time on a 20 bud spike. Tall and robust, blooms late, so plant early to avoid frost.

L. 1 - .25, 10 - \$2.00; M. 2 - .35, 10 - 1.50; S. 3 - .25, 10 - .60; Blbts. 25 - .25, 100 ~~\$1.75~~ .75.

Insurpassable (Salman 55) 452-65.

Clean vivid deep red, throat approaches black red, 1/8<sup>2</sup> cream pencil line on lip petals, Excellent commercial spikes. Grows strong and tall from all size bulbs with 10 open on a 20 bud spike. Extremely Early.

L. 1 - .25, 10 - \$2.00; M. 2 - .35, 10 - \$1.50; S. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; Blbts Pkg .50

Lief Ericson (K&M 52) 506-85 .

The leading cream for both exhibition and commercial use according to the NAGC Symposium Judges. A tall sturdy grower with long flowerheads with 7 - 9 nicely ruffled heavy substantiated florets open at one time.

L. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; M 3 - .25, 10 - .60; S. 5 - .25, 10 - .40; Blbts. Pkg .50.

Magie Beauty (Van der Plas 54) -90

A wonderful smoky, greyish violet with purple spots in the throat, No doubt the finest smoky ever produced in Holland. Opens 6 well formed and placed florets on a 20 bud spike with 6 showing color. A strong grower and propagator. A sensation at the shows.

L. 1 - .25, 10 - \$2.00; M. 2 - .35, 10 - \$1.50; S. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00 Blbts. Pkg. .50.

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Mary Housely (Salman 56) 407-80.

Tall cream with orange scarlet blotch, a very distinguished glad. with distinctive color combination. A finer Salman's Glory. Opens 8 on a 22 bud spike with well formed and placed florets. A fine novelty and a strong healthy grower.

L. 2 - .35, 10 - \$1.50; M. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.50; S. 3 - .25, 10 - .60; Blbts. Pkg .50.

Mt. Baker (Cave 50) 540-100

Flesh white, blush pink with a slight tinge of lavender in the throat shades a little deeper towards the edge and in the throat. Makes tremendous spikes. Blooms well from all size bulbs.

L. 2 - .30, 10 1.20; M. 3 - .20, 10 - .80; S. 2 - .25, 10 - .60.

My Dear (Sisson 48) 440-77.

Very nice medium light pink that does well in hot weather. Opens 6 or more on a 20 bud spike. A good commercial.

L. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; M. 5 - .25, 10 - .60; S. 5 - .25, 10 - .40; Blbts. Pkg .50.

Padian (Salman 55) 566-70

Self, colored lilac with a mauve cast. A good grower with 6 @ 8 well placed florets open on a tall 20 bud spike, slightly ruffled.

Very early.

L. 1 - .25, 10 - \$2.00; M. 2 - .35, 10 - 1.50; S. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00 Blbts. 25 - .25, 100 - .75.

Patriot (Larus 50) 536.

Orange scarlet. Excellent cut flower.

L. 1 - .35, 10 - \$3.00; M. 1 - .25, 10 - \$2.00; S. 2 - .35, 10 - 1.50; Blbts. 25 - .35, 100 - \$1.00

Paul Bunyan (Walk 55) 542-35.

Huge salmon pink with deep rose throat is named for the legendary giant Paul Bunyan, florets are ruffled and fluted with 8 - 10 opening on five foot spikes. Really massive.

L. 1 - .25, 10 - \$2.00; M. 2 - .35, 10 - \$1.50; S. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00 Blbts. Pkg .50.

PROF. GOUDRIAAN (K&M 50) 500-80.

An outstanding clean white blending into light cream in the throat. grows up to 55 inches tall making 24-28 inch flowerheads. The florets open flat are 5 to 6 inches across, with good attachment and 8 open. A vigorous grower and fast propagator. A must for all cut flower growers.

L. 2- .25, 10 - \$1.00; M. 3 - .25, 10 - .60; S. 5 - .25, 10 - .40; Blbts. Pkg .50.

Red Charm (Butt 39) 452-85.

Medium deep red opening 6 - 8 on a tall spike, one of the best glads. You should be sure to grow this one. A most consistent grower.

L. 2- .25, 10 - \$1.00; M. 3 - .25, 10 - .60; S. 5 - .25, 10 - .40; Blbts. pkg. .50.

Red Pepper (K&M 54) 452-85.

Clean brilliant deep red with a slightly deeper throat, almost a self. Tall and strong with long flowerheads, opens 6 well placed  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inch florets on a tall spike. Great commercial promise. Double "A" rating at Ohio Test Gardens.

L. 1 - .25, 10 - \$2.00; M. 2 - .35, 10 - \$1.50; S. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; Blbts. Pkg .50.

Salman's Sensation (Salman 53) 578-90

A sensation among blues. Medium dark blue. Opens 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  8 well placed and well attached 6 to 7 inch florets with 8 showing color and a total of 22 - 24 buds. Spikes are extremely tall with very heavy dark green foliage. You must see it to appreciate it. Sure to be a heavy show winner.

L. 1 - .25, 10 - \$2.00; M. 2 - .35, 10 - \$1.50; S. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; Blbts. Pkg .50

Sans Souci (K&M 51) 436-85.

Rich scarlet with a narrow white line on lower petal. Florets have a heavy texture and are well placed on good spikes, tremendous grower. Will become very popular.

L. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; M. 3 - .25, 10 - .60; S. 5 - .25, 10 - .40; Blbts. .50.

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Sieglinde (K&M 54) 429-90

Heavy strong spikes that grow up to 60 inches. A lovely flashing apricot color with a golden-yellow sheen in the throat. Opens 10 well placed florets on a 20 bud spike. Florets are of heavy texture. Strong grower and propagator.

L. 1 - .35, 10 - \$3.00; M. 1 - .25, 10 - \$2.00; S. 2 - .35, 10 - \$1.50.; Blbts 15 - .25, 100 \$1.00.

Spic and Span (Carlson 46) 444-80.

A tall ruffled pink that opens up to 1p florets with 8 more showing color, the placement is excellent and the spikes are tall and straight. Has won many championships and is a fine commercial. You cannot afford to be without this one.

L - 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; M 3 - .25, 10 - .60; S. 5 - .25, 10 - .40  
Blbts. Pkg .50

Tyrone (Deam 52) 466-80.

Clean orchid lavender that opens 7 - 9 well placed 5 inch florets on a tall spike. This glorious lavender has no equal as a cut flower in its color class, has remarkable show record. A must for all growers,

L. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; M. 3 - .25, 10 - .60; S. 5 - .25, 10 - .40  
Blbts. Pkg .50.

Venus (Salman 55) 367-80.

An exquisite light blue with a dark violet blue blotch. Opens 10 well placed florets with six more showing color on a 22 bud spike. One of the most distinctive novelties that should become a good show glad and cut flower.

L. 1 - .40, 10 - \$3.20; M. 1 - .30, 10 - 2.40; S. 1 - .20, 10 - \$1.60.; Blbts. 10 - .25, 100 - \$2.00.

Violet Charm (Jack 53) 476-85.

A soft shadowy violet with a blue throat. Distinctive blue throated spikes and its ability to stand hot weather make this a very popular variety.

L. 1 - .25, 10 - \$2.00; M. 2 - .35, 10 - \$1.50; S. 3.- .25, 10 - .60; Blbts, Pkg .50



## Wembley

An impressive pure white gladiolus of recent introduction. An ideal flower in every respect with large somewhat ruffled florets nicely set on a strong stalk. A perfect garden variety of strong constitution.

L. 1 - .25, 10 - \$2.00; M. 2 - .35, 10 - \$1.50; S. 2 - .25, 10 - \$1.00; Blbts. 25 - .25, 100 - .75.

## \*\* Collection List\*\*

Unlabelled Collection--- made up of large and medium bulbs all postage aid. \$5.00 per 100. \$3.00 per 50.

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We believe we have the finest quality of growing stock it is possible to produce, and our prices are well below standard for stock of comparable quality.

We are continually experimenting with new varieties and making crosses in an attempt to produce new and better varieties. Each variety is tested for top notch performance before being offered for sale. We discarded many varieties for which we have paid high prices because they failed to perform satisfactorily in our gardens, and we will not offer for sale any variety which does not perform well for us.

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Gladiolus are easy to grow, and will do well in any good well drained garden soil. We recommend planting 4 to 6 inches deep and 6 to 8 inches apart in rows 3 or more feet apart, in full sun location. Glads like plenty of moisture, but must not stand in water or soggy soil for long periods. We recommend planting in soil which has been well mixed with well rotted stable manure, or soil which has had a good cover crop turned under during previous year. If you use commercial fertilizers, do not allow them to come into direct contact with bulbs. We use natural ground rock fertilizers for Phosphorous and potash, and never use commercial fertilizers. Use nitrogen very sparingly on glads.

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We can ship your bulbs any time you wish, but recommend you let us hold your order until early March, except to Southern states, which can be quite safely shipped earlier. Most of our Parcel Post shipments are handled in unheated trucks, therefore you take the risk of freezing if they are shipped too early. Please state on your order shipping date. We watch weather forecasts and ship accordingly.

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF YOUR ORDER.

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**\*\* PLEASE NOTICE \*\***

IF INTERESTED IN BULBLETS: RETAIL OR WHOLESALE, write for prices, and quantities desired. We have several quantities of bulblets of varieties not listed in this list which we can furnish at attractive prices, such as Aurcole, Benj. Britton, Golden Arrow, Golden State, Sundance, Midsummer, The Roan, Meg, Falcon, Mignon, Silcherlied and many others, let us know what you want, perhaps we have it.

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Glads are classified in 5 sizes as follows:-

Miniature --- 100, florets under 2-1/2", Small - - 200, florets 2-1/2" thru 3-1/4 ". Medium - - 300, florets 3-1/4 thru 4-3/8 " Largen- - 400, florets 4-3/8" thru 5-1/2" and Giant 500, florets 5-1/2" or larger. We do not grow the miniature or small sizes, But specialize in the larger sizes, 300 class up.

For example Prof. Goudriaan is classified as 500 which means it is all white without markings or blotches with florets 5-1/2 inches across or larger. The 500 meaning 5-1/2 inch florets or larger and the 00 means it is white without conspicuous markings.

The numbers after name of variety and year introduced tells the story, of the size and color of the florets grown under field conditions from large size bulbs.

**COLOR CLASSES.**

00 WHITE	24 RED ORANGE	50 LIGHT RED	68 DEEP LAVENDER
06 CREAM	30 LIGHT SALMON	52 DEEP RED	70 PURPLE
10 LIGHT YELLOW	32 DEEP SALMAN	54 BLACK RED	76 LIGHT BLUE VIOLET
12 DEEP YELLOW	36 SCARLET	60 LIGHT ROSE	78 DARK BLUE VIOLET
16 BUFF	40 LIGHT PINK	62 MEDIUM ROSE	80-86 SMOKY SHADES
20 LIGHT ORANGE	44 DEEP PINK	64 DEEP ROSE	90 ANY OTHER COLOR.
22 DEEP ORANGE	42 MEDIUM PINK	66 LIGHT LAVENDER	

## \*\*\* WHOLESALE LIST\*\*\*

THE FOLLOWING PRICES are for 100 bulbs, F. O. B. Brighton, Mich. NOT PREPAID, you pay the shipping charges. If you wish bulbs shipped by Parcel Post, please enclose sufficient postage. We will refund any amount not used. No less than 25 bulbs of one size and variety will be sold at the 100 rate. All orders will be accepted subject to stock on hand and prior sales. If you order both retail and wholesale items, all will be shipped together and we will put in enough extras to make up for parcel post charges on the retail items.

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VARIETY	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL	BLBTS QT.
Ace of Spades	6.00	5.00	3.00	4.00
Beauty Show	5.00	4.00	2.50	2.50
Butma Rose	6.00	5.00		4.00
Dusty Miller	5.00	4.00	2.50	2.50
Francesca	6.00	5.00	3.00	4.00
Insurpassable	7.00	5.75	4.00	5.00
Lief Ericson	6.00	5.00		3.00
Mt. Baker	7.00	5.75	4.00	5.00
My Dear	5.00	4.00	2.50	2.50
Prof. Goudriaan	6.00	5.00	3.00	4.00
Red Charm	5.50	4.50	2.75	3.00
Venus	10.00	8.00	5.00	8.00

Pint price on bulblets half that of quart.

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Above stock is all hand dug, hand cleaned and graded, of finest quality and true to name. Field and Storage inspected by State Department of Agriculture inspector, whose report reads, (quote) "Extra fine field of Gladiolus under the very best of Cultivation." (end of quote)

Large growers please write for quantity prices. I again thank you for past patronage, and hope to be able to serve you better with each succeeding year.

Gladfully yours,

J. E. Nickerson.

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